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At page 1, under SPECIFICATION, please insert the following:

--REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a continuation of pending U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/528,239, filed March 17, 2000 entitled "Data Acquisition Apparatus", which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/436,169, filed November 9, 1999, entitled "Data Acquisition Device Having a Resilient Seal Interposed Between the Head Portion and the Handle Portion for Rest Stand, and issued as U.S. Patent No. 6,123,265, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/883,357, filed June 26, 1997 entitled "Data Acquisition Device Having a Resilient Seal Interposed Between the Head Portion and the Handle Portion for Rest Stand", and issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,979,770. --

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 2-13 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Currently pending claims 1 and 14-34:

1. A hand-held optical scanning device, comprising:
a body portion having an optical scanning module arranged to scan objects in a direction which is outward from a first distal end, said body portion including an upper surface having a display mounted thereof, and
a handle portion extending from a bottom surface of said body portion, said handle portion being joined to said body portion at a location near said distal end and at a selected angle with